



Happy
Thanksgiving

St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter November 2024

Message

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Dearly beloved St. James family members

“In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6.

On November 28rd Thursday we commemorate Thanksgiving Day. A study by psychologist Robert Emmons divided volunteers into three groups, each making weekly journal entries. One group wrote five things they were grateful for. One described five daily hassles. And a control group listed five events that had impacted them in a small way. The study results revealed that those in the gratitude group felt better about their lives overall, were more optimistic about the future, and reported fewer health problems. Giving thanks has a way of changing the way we look at life. Thanksgiving can even make us happier. The Bible has long extolled the benefits of giving thanks to God, as doing so reminds us of His character. The Psalms repeatedly call God’s people to provide him with thanks because “the Lord is good and his love endures forever” (Psalm 100:5) and to thank Him for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds (107:8, 15, 21, 31). As the apostle Paul closed his letter to the Philippians—the letter itself a kind of thank-you note to a church that had supported him—he linked thankful prayers with the peace of God “which transcends all understanding” (4:7). When we focus on God and His goodness, we find that we can pray without anxiety, in every situation, with thanksgiving. Giving thanks brings us a peace that uniquely guards our hearts and minds and changes the way we look at life. A heart full of gratitude nurtures a spirit of joy.

Think. Thank. Talk - the words for Thanksgiving. First, think. Think about all the many ways God has blessed you. Think about how God has blessed you this past year, personally and as a citizen of this nation. Second, thank. Thank the Lord, out loud, here at church and then at home. Thank him with psalms and hymns and prayers and praise. Then third, talk. Talk to others about how God has blessed you. And in so doing, you may be a blessing from God to them, because you will be encouraging them also to think, thank, and talk.

The renovation works of our Pearl River Church are complete now. We are making arrangements and preparations for the dedication of the renovated Church in Pearl River. We should all remember this subject in our prayers and prepare for it.

May the Triune God bless us all.

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: NOVEMBER, 2024	TIME
Sun	Nov 03	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 10	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 17	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 24	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

LECTIONARY- November - 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Nov 03	Kudosh Eetho: Sanctification of the Church; Beginning of the Liturgical Year; World Sunday School Day: Jesus Christ who embraces children			
		Gen 17:1-8	1John 2:7-14	Eph 6:1-4	Mark 10:13-16
Sun	Nov 10	Renewal of the Church; Festival of Unity of CSI, CNI, and Mar Thoma Church, Unity of the churches: For the witness of the Kingdom of God			
		Josh 4:1-8	1Cor 12:12-27	Eph 4:1-7	John 17:20-23
Sun	Nov 17	Annunciation to Zechariah: God who fulfils promises			
		1Chr 24:1-19	Heb 6:9-12	Rom 10:9-15	Luke 1:5-23
Sun	Nov 24	Annunciation to Virgin Mary, Virgin Mary: The model of dedication for the people of God; Diaspora Sunday			
		1Sam 2:1-11	Gal 4:1-7	Rom 12:1-2	Luke 1:26-38



Birthday – November

Dates	Name	Town
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11/4	Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor, NY
11/5	John P.K.	Garnerville, NY
11/7	Sony Mathew	Glenmont, NY
11/7	Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/11	Sindhu Varghese	Congers, NY
11/13	Ashley Ann Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/13	Elizabeth Varghese	Pleasant Valley, NY
11/15	Rosamma Chacko	New City, NY
11/15	Mariamamma Jacob	Nanuet, NY
11/15	Rachel Jacob	Tappan, NY
11/17	Aaron Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/19	Dency Chacko	New City, NY
11/22	Babu Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/22	Marykutty Achenkunju	Nanuet, NY

11/23	Chellamma Chacko	Suffern, NY
11/24	John Xavier	New City, NY
11/24	Thomas K.M.	Vally Cottage, NY
11/25	Jacob Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/26	Dylan Varghese	Congers, NY
11/27	Chacko P. George	New City, NY
11/27	Teena Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
11/29	Mathew N.K.	Tappan, NY
11/29	Caleb Thomas	Orangeburg, NY



Wedding Anniversary – November

Date	Name	Town
11/2	Annie and Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/6	Shija and Shiju Varghese	New City, NY
11/25	Sherly and Noncy Kurian	Congers, NY
11/27	Annamma and Joseph K. Daniel	Wappinger Falls, NY

Upcoming Events – 2024

November 24 th Sunday	Thanks Giving Service after Church Service follows auction and lunch.
December 1 st Sunday	Parish day.
December 6,7,8,13,14 & 15	House caroling
December 22 nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Wednesday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30AM.
December 31 st Tuesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM



Thanksgiving Service on November 24th Sunday immediately after the Church service follows auction and lunch.

Prayer Meetings.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on Friday November 8th at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Gigi Tom, 1 Hazen Lane, Congers, NY 10920

Every third Friday at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom

Every 4th Wednesday senior citizens prayer meeting at 7:30PM via zoom

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Psalm 56:3-4

When I am
afraid, I put my
trust in you. In
God, whose
word I praise, in
God I trust and
am not afraid.
What can mere
mortals do to
me?